

# Broads Local Access Forum

08 March 2023

Agenda item number 4

## Summary of progress

Title	Meeting date	Lead officer	Summary of actions	Progress so far	Status
Open water swimming	09/06/2021	Waterways and Recreation Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin internal discussions at the BA regarding the policy change of open water swimming.</li> <li>• Investigate consistency of 'no swimming' signage in the Broads</li> <li>• Agree on "Wild Swimming" locations</li> </ul>	<p><b>July 2021</b> - Initial meeting held with Head of Rangers, Head of Safety management and representatives from BLAF to discuss current guidance and suggest ways to improve how we manage swimming safely in the Broads.</p> <p><b>October 2021</b> - All parties agree that swimming is taking place and needs to be done safely. Next steps are to erect safety signage at key sites and along river corridors to alert boaters of potential swimmers in that area.</p> <p><b>December 2021:</b> A member of the Broads Authority open water swimming sub group will be invited to provide an update at the next Broads Local Access Forum meeting.</p>	In progress

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Lost Paths in the Broads	09/06/2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify 'Lost Paths' to the river</li> <li>• Contact NCC and SCC to identify 'Lost Paths'</li> </ul>	<p><b>September 2021</b> Norfolk LAF representative agreed to raise this item at a future meeting.</p> <p><b>December 2021:</b> Norfolk LAF representative agreed that 'Lost Paths' will be raised at the January 2022 Norfolk Local Access Forum meeting.</p> <p><b>August 2022:</b> The Chair has written to Norfolk County Council and Suffolk Council and requested a list of all of the paths that have been lost to the river.</p>	In progress
Staithes Report	04/12/2019		Contact the Environment Agency asking their opinion as a follow-up from the publication of the staithes report.	<p><b>September 2021</b> The Chair has written to the Environment Agency but has yet to receive a response. A follow up phone call will take place with David Horsfall.</p>	In progress
Water quality monitoring in the Broads	30/11/2022	Waterways and Recreation Officer	Invite the Environment Agency to a future meeting to discuss water quality monitoring in the Broads.	<p><b>February 2023:</b> Written update to be provided in advance of the meeting on 8 March 2023.</p>	In progress

Date of report: 23 February 2023